

REMARKS

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 5, 7, 8, 13, and 14 are allowable if placed in independent form. Applicant has amended Claims 5, 7, 8, 13, and 14 to place them in independent form. Applicant has canceled Claims 1 and 9. Applicant has amended Claims 4, 6, 10, 12, and 16-17 to change their dependencies. Applicant has amended Claim 15 to also place it in independent form. Applicant submits that Claim 15 is not anticipated by British Patent No. 1,443,887 because Claim 15 includes the limitation of a flat rear edge adapted to contact a **support ring disposed downstream of the seat**. The cited reference does not include a support ring. Applicant submits that Claim 15 as amended does not require an additional search by the Examiner as the Examiner previously indicated Claim 5 contains allowable subject matter. Claim 5 includes the same limitation of a support ring disposed downstream of the seat as is included in Claim 15.

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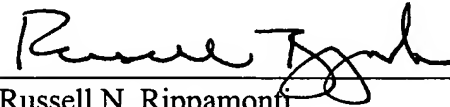
CONCLUSION

Applicant submits the case is now in condition for allowance.

Applicant is submitting herewith a check for \$600.00 for three additional independent claims. Please apply any additional charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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